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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of
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Serial No.: 09/901,389) Examiner: To Be Assigned
Filed: July 9, 2001) Art Unit: 1764
For: **APPARATUS FOR TESTING**)
STERILIZATION METHODS AND)
MATERIALS)

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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U.S. Patent Documents

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
147. 5,258,162	11/2/93	Andersson et al.
148. 6,406,666	6/18/02	Cicha et al.

Comments concerning the foregoing documents are set forth below.

U.S. Patent Documents

147. U.S. Patent No. 5,258,162 relates to a “method of producing a gaseous, hydrogen peroxide-containing sterilization fluid displaying good, uniform sterilization properties” (Abstract).

148. U.S. Patent No. 6,406,666 concerns an “apparatus for providing sterilant to a packaging machine” (Abstract). “The apparatus comprises a conduit, for a pre-determined mix of atomized hydrogen peroxide and air, within a heat exchanger” (id.).

These documents were cited by the Examiner in a “Notice of References Cited” that was mailed on January 28, 2004 with a Notice Of Allowance in companion U.S. Application Serial No. 09/901,337 entitled “Production Of Hydrogen Peroxide Vapor-Air Mixtures.” These two documents are believed to be no more relevant than the art already of record.

The Examiner is asked to review both documents and independently assess their relevance before issuance of the first action on the merits. The Examiner is also asked to initial and return a copy of the PTO-1449 form to evidence such consideration.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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